

CHAPTER NO. 17

SENATE BILL NO. 291

By Kurita

Substituted for: House Bill No. 670

By Michael Turner

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 20, relative to safety standards for passenger contract carriers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-20-202, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

(a)(1) Except as provided in subsection (b), all passenger contract carriers regularly transporting passengers within or through the state of Tennessee who operate vehicles with a seating capacity of less than eight (8) passengers, excluding the driver, and employing more than five (5) drivers must comply with the minimum safety standards established by this part.

(2) A violation of any provision of this section or failure to perform any act required by this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-20-204, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (b), and by relettering subsequent subsections accordingly:

(b) Each driver shall maintain, and keep current, a daily log book detailing the hours worked. The log book for the past thirty (30) working days must be in the driver's possession at all times when on duty. The log book shall be made available for inspection upon the request of any law enforcement officer or passenger.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 31, 2003



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11th day of April 2003



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